

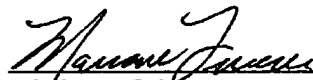
Group II Claims 6-7 and 11-14, drawn to a mixing and extruding apparatus.

Applicants believe there would be a great economy of cost and effort on the part of the Office, and certainly to the applicants, if the closely related subject matter of Groups I - II claims were examined together in this one application. Applicants maintain the subject matter of Groups I - II define, but one invention, and do not possess sufficient differences to warrant issuance of separate patents.

In the event the requirement is adhered to, applicants provisionally elect with traverse, the invention of Group II, for further examination on the merits.

In accordance with Office guidelines recited in MPEP Section 821.04, elected apparatus claims found to recite patentable subject matter may be rejoined with the provisionally withdrawn method of use claims and examined in this one application provided the method of use recite limitations corresponding to those found to be patentable during examination of the elected invention. As such, when the product claims 6-7 and 11-14, drawn to a mixing and extruding apparatus are found to recite patentable subject matter, non-elected claims 1-5, 8-10 and 15-16 should be taken up for examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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